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: FORM OF A BUTTON CELL



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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 18, 2002, using marked-up versions of the Claims and also clean copies of such, Applicants amend as follows:

In the Claims (Marked-Up Version)

1. (Amended) A gastight-sealed alkaline nickel/metal hydride button cell storage battery comprising positive and negative electrodes arranged in a button cell case and separated by a separator, wherein both electrodes have a support and conductor framework, which includes a porous metal foam or metal felt, and wherein the positive electrode contains active material, but on a side bearing against the cell case, has a metallic region which is free of active material.

10. (Amended) [The gastight-sealed nickel/metal hydride storage battery as claimed in Claim 7,] A gastight-sealed alkaline nickel/metal hydride button cell storage battery comprising positive and negative electrodes arranged in a button cell case and separated by a separator, wherein both electrodes have a support and conductor framework, which includes a porous metal foam or metal felt, and wherein the positive electrode contains active material, but on a side bearing against the cell case, has a metallic region which is free of active material,

wherein the negative electrode has recesses on a side facing the cell cover, and wherein the recesses are formed in a star or spoke arrangement.